

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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October 13, 2020

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Adrian Stocks, Director, Water Quality Bureau Division of Environmental Management Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Subject: Approval of Wisconsin 2020 303(d) List of Impaired Waters

Dear Mr. Stocks:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed its review of Wisconsin's 2020 303(d) list and supporting documentation and information. Based on this review, EPA determined that Wisconsin's 2020 303(d) list of water quality limited segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Load calculations meets the requirements of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and EPA's implementing regulations. Therefore, EPA approves Wisconsin's 2020 303(d) list which identifies individual waterbody segments with associated pollutants and the State's priority rankings for these segments and pollutants. The statutory and regulatory requirements, and EPA's review of Wisconsin's compliance with each requirement, are described in the enclosed decision document.

EPA's approval of Wisconsin's 2020 303(d) list extends to all waterbody segments on the list with the exception of those waters that are within Indian Country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151. EPA is taking no action to approve or disapprove the State's list with respect to those waters at this time. EPA, or eligible Indian Tribes, as appropriate, will retain responsibilities under CWA Section 303(d) for those waters.

We appreciate your hard work on Wisconsin's 2020 303(d) submittal. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Donna Keclik, at 312-886-6766 or keclik.donna@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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